Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I did not catch the question.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—In other words, if a work is regarded as useful and urgent—most useful and most urgent—in a year, will it be least useful and least urgent in a subsequent year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is quite possible.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Can it also become less urgent and important in the course of the year itself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— That also is possible.

Rural sanitation and public health in the Narakkal Constituency.

4. **Mr. M. A. Chakko.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) has the Government spent any amount on rural sanitation and public health at any time in the Narakkal constituency; if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the amount and the time and place where and when it was spent ;

(2) does the Government propose to do any thing to improve the sanitation of Azhikkal which is fast growing into a slum of British Cochin?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes; statements giving the required information are appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(2) Yes; vide also answer to question No. 216 of the last Legislative Session.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—In regard to sub-division (2), may I know, since the answer was given, whether anything has been done to meet the wishes of the people implicated in that question?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— No, not since the answer was given.

Irrigation canals in Chittur Taluk.

5. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state: —

(a) whether they are aware of the existence of irrigation canals owned by private owners in Chittur Taluk ;

(b) if so, what are the names of such canals and who are the owners of the same;

(c) what is the area of the lands of (1) the said owners and (2) of persons other than the owners, served by each of these systems;

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6. No thumb impressions. Signature was taken since he is literate.

7. No answer is necessary in view of the reply to (b) 6 above.

Residence of Medical Officers.

29. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a rule that Medical Officers in charge of Hospitals, etc., where residential quarters are constructed should reside there during nights;

(b) (i) were any of these officers living elsewhere during nights during the last 2 years;

(ii) if so, who are such officers; and

(iii) was it done with the permission of the Government?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese—(a) Yes.

(b) (i) Government are not aware.

(ii) and (iii). In view of the above answer, no answer is called for on parts (ii) and (iii).

St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam.

30. Mr. C. J. Mathew—Will the Government kindly state :—

(1) whether they are giving any aid to the sisters of the St. Teresa's Convent at Ernakulam, for conducting the only College for women in the State;

(2) whether they have been giving them building grants or any other grants and if so to what extent;

(3) whether they propose to give further grants to the poor sisters to complete the construction of the College buildings?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai—(1) and (2). Yes. A sum of Rs. 5,000 was paid in 1102 as building grant, and a sum of Rs. 1,000 and 50 candies of teak as donation in 1103.

(3) The question of further grant to the College is engaging the attention of Government.

APPENDIX I.

(*Vide Answer to Question No. 4.*)

Statement showing the amounts that the Panchayat Department spends annually under Sanitation and Conservancy in the Narakkal Constituency.

		Rs.
Narakkal.		
One sweeper	..	96
10 lamps	....	165

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